

REMARKS

The final official action dated January 29, 2007 has been carefully reviewed. Claims 1-7, 9, 11-16, 18-49, and 51 are pending in this application. Claim 50 has been canceled. Applicants request reconsideration of this application in light of the remarks presented herein.

In the official action, the Examiner allowed claims 1-7, 9, 11-16, and 18-48. The Examiner rejected claims 49 and 51 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for obviousness over U.S. Pat. No. 6,321,531 to Caren et al. (“Caren”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,387,529 to Hedstrom (“Hedstrom”). The Examiner indicated that claim 50 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, Applicants have amended claim 49 to include limitations similar to those appearing in allowed claim 50. As such, it is believed that all claims in the subject application are in a condition for allowance.

In the “Response to Arguments” section of the official action, the Examiner indicated his belief that Applicants previously argued that “the reference to Caren and Hedstrom fail to disclose ‘the secondary winding having [sic] wound in sections’”. However, in an effort to clarify the record, Applicants feel compelled to point out that their previous argument was not that neither reference teaches a secondary winding that is wound in sections (in fact, it appears that Hedstrom does teach such a limitation - see FIG. 6.). Rather, their previous argument was based on the notion that there was no legally sufficient teaching, method, or suggestion for combining the references in the first place.

CONCLUSION

Based on the Examiner’s allowance of claims 1-7, 9, 11-16, and 18-48 and the amendment made to claim 49, Applicants respectfully believe that this application is in condition for allowance. Action to that end is hereby solicited.

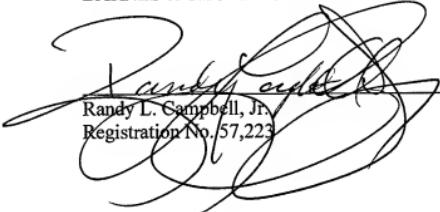
In the event that there are any questions related to this response in particular, or to the application in general, the undersigned would appreciate the opportunity to address those

questions directly in a telephone interview to expedite the prosecution of this application for all concerned.

It is respectfully requested that this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response. It is further requested that any shortages in extension of time fees or other fees be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 with reference to file 9501-73714.

Respectfully submitted,

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